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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4897

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, PINT, RH

SUBJECT: CHIKEREMA ASSURES WHITES

REF: PRETORIA 4869

SUMMARY: CHIKEREMA CRITICIZES FRONTLINE STATE  
INTERFERENCE AND SAYS THAT ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MUST  
HAVE SAFEGUARDS FOR WHITE INTERESTS AND MUST  
LEAVE SECURITY FORCES RELATIVELY INTACT. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS SAYS THAT CHIKEREMA GAVE A STATEMENT  
ON SEPTEMBER 19 IN WHICH HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE  
FRONTLINE STATES FOR INTERFERING IN RHODESIAN AFFAIRS.  
HE STATED "WE ARE NOT PUPPETS...WE DO NOT WANT UNRULY  
SPECTATORS AND BIASED REFEREES TO CONFUSE OUR  
STRUGGLE." CHIKEREMA WENT ON TO SAY THAT  
HE WAS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BUT IT HAD TO  
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BE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE, IT HAD TO HAVE  
BUILT-IN MECHANISMS TO SAFEGUARD WHITE INTERESTS  
AND, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, IT HAD TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY'S  
SECURITY FORCES INTACT. ON WHITE INTERESTS, CHIKEREMA  
SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP WHITE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE  
SO THERE MUST BE A "BLOCKING MECHANISM TO SAFEGUARD  
AGAINST RETROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION." CHIKEREMA'S

EXCEPTION ON THE SECURITY FORCES WAS AN APPARENT  
REFERENCE TO THE SELOUS SCOUTS.

2. ON OTHER MATTERS, CHIKEREMA WAS ASKED IF HE HAD  
RECEIVED ASSURANCES HE WOULD NOT BE DETAINED. HE  
ANSWERED "IF THEY AGREED FOR ME TO COME BACK, THEN  
WHATEVER THEY HELD AGAINST ME FELL AWAY." HOWEVER,  
HE SAID THERE WERE NO CONDITIONS. HE HAD COME HOME  
AT ANY RISK TO ANSWER "THE CALL OF MY PEOPLE". ASKED  
ABOUT THE ARMED STRUGGLE, CHIKEREMA SAID 99 PERCENT  
OF BLACKS SUPPORTED IT AND " ONLY A MADMAN WOULD  
OPPOSE IT."

3. ON SABC BROADCAST MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 20, SAME  
BASIC REPORT OF CHIKEREMA STATEMENT WAS CARRIED.  
HOWEVER, THE SABC CORRESPONDENT IN SALISBURY ADDED  
THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN CHIKEREMA  
GAVE HIS STATEMENT AND IT WAS BELIEVED HE DID NOT  
AGREE WITH SUBSTANCE. SABC ALSO SAID THAT CHIKEREMA AT  
NO TIME REFERRED TO ANGLO-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT PLAN.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT'S STILL TOO SOON TO PUT INTO  
CONTECT, SUBSTANCE OF CHIKEREMA'S REMARKS COINCIDE  
CLOSELY WITH STAND ON WHITE INTERESTS TAKEN BY SMITH TO DATE  
AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR HIS RETURN  
(SEE REFTEL) CAME AS MUCH FROM SMITH AS FROM  
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MUZOREWA. HE CERTAINLY HAS GONE FAR BEYOND MUZOREWA  
ON THE POINTS RELATED TO WHITE INTERESTS AND SECURITY  
FORCES. ACCORDING TO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, MUZOREWA HAD  
SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT BRINGING  
CHIKEREMA INTO THE UANC BUT, PROBABLY DUE TO HIS NEED  
FOR A KNOWN NATIONALISTS ON HIS EXECUTIVE AND POSSIBLY  
ALSO AT THE URGING OF CONSERVATIVES AROUND HIM, MUZOREWA  
ACQUIESCED IN CHIKEREMA BECOMING THE FIRST VICE-  
PRESIDENT. IT MAY BE THAT MUZOREWA IN BRINGING  
CHIKEREMA INTO ANC LEADERSHIP HAS CREATED MORE PROBLEMS  
FOR HIMSELF THAN HE SOLVED.  
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